the year 1989-90 and the total bank finance for housing during this period is likely to exceed Rs. 300 crores. In order to further increase flow of housing finance, the terms of such loans have also been liberalised.

Reserve Bank of India's prior authorisation was required for grant of term loans exceeding Rs. 2 crores to borrowers under credit authorisation scheme upto October, 1988. Reserve Bank of India has reported that it has authorised banks to provide term loans to Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation Ltd., during the years 1986, 1987 and 1988 to the extent of Rs. 15.04 crores, Rs. 25.00 crores and Rs. 17.40 crores respectively.

Dowry Deaths

291. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of dowry death cases registered in the country, Statcwise, during the last three years till date ;

(b) what is the number of persons arrested in this connection and the number of cases pending and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A statement showing Statewise and Union Territory-wise the number of cases reported as dowry deaths during the years 1986, 1987 and 1988 is enclosed. *[See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 11].

(b) and (c) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The information regarding the number of persons arrested and the number of cases pending is not compiled by the central agencies.

The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 has been amended in 1984 and in 1986 to make the law more stringent. The Indian Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act 1872 have been amended to deal effectively not only with dowry death cases, but also with cases of cruelty of married women.

Setting up of 100 per cent export Oriented Jewellery Complexes

292. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up 100 per cent export oriented jewellery complexes; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the places where these complexes are proposed to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUN-SHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A 100% Export Oriented Complex is already functioning at New Delhi. Jewellery Exporting units are being set up in the Sf.ntacruz Electronic Export Processing Zone, Bombay. Such units are also being set up in Export Processing Zones at Cochin, Madras, Falta (West Bengal) and Noida (UP).